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Ms. Nicholson



This week's edition of the Newbury NEWT-paper is dedicated to Nancy Nicholson. Ms. Nicholson has been teaching for 35 years. For the last 30 years, the students of Newbury have had the privilege of being in Ms. Nicholson's classroom. She started her time in Newbury as a kindergarten teacher. She then moved onto third grade where she was famous for her unit on Native Americans. Her next stop was fourth grade and finally onto sixth grade science.

Ms. Nicholson will be remembered as the person who organized camp and worked diligently to make it one of the most memorable experiences of 6th grade. She was a fun person to spend the week in the woods with. Students enjoyed her singing in the morning as well as her acting as a guide at night on the Underground Railroad reenactment.

Over the years, Ms. Nicholson has led Student Council groups, science fairs and has always been much loved by 6th graders for her humorous style and caring for all her students. Her dedication and focus on the students has been a tremendous asset to NES and she will be greatly missed.

Please join us in wishing Ms. Nicholson a wonderful and well deserved retirement.

Thank you Ms. Nicholson for your years at NES and your devotion to the entire NES community!



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Congratulations to all of the sixth grade poets who performed beautifully in Thurs-

day evening's Poetry Night. The NES auditorium was packed and we all were impressed. The poetry was dramatic, inspirational, and witty. The sixth graders have worked very hard writing and practicing their poems and their hard work showed. A special thank you to their teachers for putting together such a fabulous event!

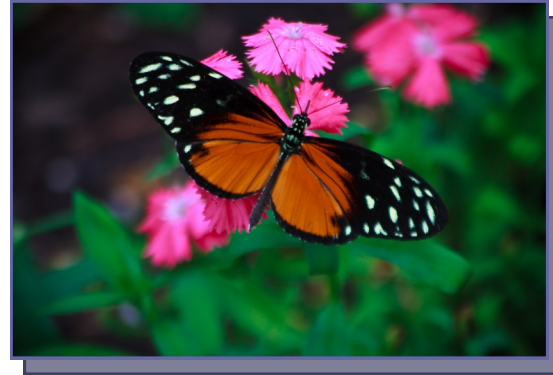
Newbury NEWT-paper Update...

The last edition of the 2014-2015 Newbury NEWT-paper will go out next week on June 12th.



Second Grade Update...

If you were on the NES grounds on a recent warm day, you may have seen Painted Lady butterflies taking flight as second graders excitedly looked on! Our ever-popular life cycle unit gave children the opportunity to observe the amazing metamorphosis of caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. The only stage second graders missed was the egg! This science unit included lots of rich vocabulary such as larva, pupa, and proboscis. A highlight of our study was a trip to the Butterfly Place in Westford. The PTA generously contributed to the cost of this unforgettable field lesson. Second graders were wowed as they walked among a beautiful variety of butterflies in a lush indoor garden. As we approach the end of the school year and reflect back on how our second graders have grown and changed themselves, we know that they will soon be ready to



SUPERHERO TRAINING with JUNGLE JIM!



WEDNESDAY

JUNE 24th

from 11am - 12pm

Summer Reading
Kick-Off Event!

[newburylibrary.org/
summerreading](http://newburylibrary.org/summerreading)

Jungle Jim's Superhero Training is blasting off here at the library on June 24th at 11am! Join Jungle Jim as he leads young patrons through the rigors of what it takes to be a superhero, and learn more about some of our unsung superheroes. The program will capture the children's attention by turning the children into superheroes themselves. Volunteers from the audience will be transformed (with balloons, of course) into traditional superheroes the kids know and identify with: Batman, Wonder Woman and the like. Then the show progresses to heroes in our everyday

lives (firefighters, police men and women, etc), as well as what it takes to BE a hero (helping out at home, facing our fears, that sort of thing).

You can use this time to register online for the summer reading program at any of the library's computers or iPads, or ask a librarian to help you.

For more information about the 2015 Summer Reading program here at the Newbury Town Library, or to register, click here: <http://newburylibrary.org/youth-summer-reading/>

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PTA Update...

PTA Needs a Treasurer and Other Leaders

The PTA relies on awesome, amazing volunteers. Email us at newburyptainfo@gmail.com to learn more about any of these opportunities:

Treasurer:

Want to make a huge impact helping our school? We need a PTA treasurer who can keep our expenses and earnings straight. We currently use Quick Books and work with a local bank, so the job has been streamlined. Most of the work can be done on your schedule at home. Training is available. Can you help with this very important role?

Volunteer Coordinator:

Are you looking to get involved at NES? Meet new parents? Get to know NES staff? Work from home? Then consider being our next Volunteer Coordinator. It's a very low-key volunteer position that involves working with event chairs to staff NES PTA events. We use Signup Genius as our volunteer management tool; it's a very easy program to learn and navigate.

Restaurant Fundraiser Coordinator:

Many local restaurants will work with our PTA to host fundraising events. Typically, the restaurant will give a percentage of sales on a particular day to our PTA. We need someone to contact restaurants, choose dates, and help publicize. Training from the current coordinator is available. This is a fun job that can be done on your schedule, day or night – and these events are always fun ways to see friends and staff outside of school.

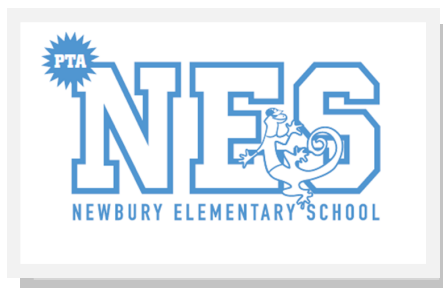
Complete the NES PTA Parent Survey

Families play an important role in their child's success at school. Family engagement is strong at NES, but we'd like to make it even better to ensure the PTA meets the needs of all of our families, students and staff. You can help us maintain a strong partnership between school and home by taking the 8 question survey at the link below. All answers are anonymous. Please complete the survey by Friday, June 12th.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5DL7B9C>

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.”

-Chinese Proverb



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The 8th Annual NES Walk-a-thon!!

To benefit the
NES Schoolyard Rebuild Campaign

June 12th • 1:00 -2:45pm

Let's make this our best fundraiser of the year!
At the Walk-a-thon, students will be walking the perimeter of the school grounds and participate in fun activities along the way.

Top 3 earners will win a day of fun on the Parker River followed by a treat at New England Ice Lollies! You and an adult can spend the day playing in a tandem kayak, tandem paddle board, or bring a friend along for a canoe ride.

Sponsor forms can be found at: www.nesgrows.com/walkathon

Parents: Please consider volunteering for the Walk-a-thon. Contact nesgrows@gmail.com



Thank you
**Greater Newburyport
Running Club**
and
Newbury Kayak
for your support!



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<http://newbury.trsd.net/>

NES Calendar

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Safety Fire Trailer (Pre-K-2nd Grade) 4:15 School Council 6:00 SEPAC	4 Safety Fire Trailer (Pre-K-2nd Grade) 6:00-7:30 Sixth Grade Poetry Night	5 8:30-10:00 PTA Coffee House	6 Triton Regional High School Graduation
7	8	9 7:30 am Student Council	10 7:00 pm School Committee Meeting	11	12 1:00-2:45 NES PTA/NES Grows Walk-a-thon	13
14	15	16	17	18 NES Field Day	19	20
21	22 6:00 PM Sixth Grade Recognition Night/Dance	23 Half Day – Last Day of School	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Did you know?

The Math Program Adoption Committee has unanimously recommended to the Superintendent the adoption of *Math in Focus* as the district's future K-8 math program.

At the conclusion of several site visits, the committee met twice to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each program considered. The committee unanimously agreed that *Math in Focus* is the best program for Triton Regional School District at this point in time. The committee selected *Math in Focus* in large part because of its strength in developing students' conceptual understanding. Committee members believe that the program's sequence of concrete to pictorial to the abstract will help all learners make progress. Unlike many other programs, *Math in Focus* provides both the comprehensive materials to assist teachers and students and the intellectual underpinnings to get students to think more deeply about mathematics. While no program is perfect, the committee believes that *Math in Focus* provides both the tools and philosophy to enhance mathematical instruction at Triton.

There have been four parent presentations to review the committee's recommendation and the Superintendent will bring the recommendation to the school committee for consideration on June 10th.

